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SURFACES
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**AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Examiner Crow:

This communication is in reply to a Final Office Action mailed May 11, 2007, and the Advisory Action mailed November 29, 2007, in relation to the above-referenced patent application. This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that is filed herewith. A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 7, 2007. The period for filing an Appeal Brief was set to expire on January 7, 2008. Applicant therefore requests a 2-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and submits a payment in the required amount of \$230.00 for small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), to extend the period for response to March 7, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: